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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006 (Paper No. 04252006), which issued in the above-identified patent application. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.